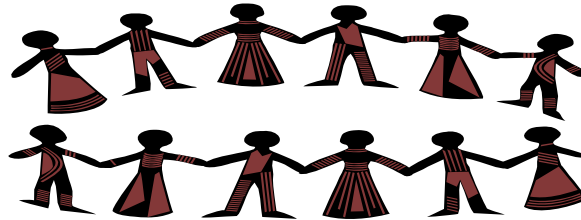




**The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency
Office of Community Justice Programs
cordially invites Community Supervision Officers,
members of the Faith Community, and Ex-offenders to**

“Reviving the Spirit II – A Change is Coming” Conference



Saturday, February 9, 2008

**Pilgrim Baptist Church
700 “I” Street N. E.
Washington, DC 20002**

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

This year’s event will feature the following workshops and presentations:

“Family Reunification Starts Here”
“Identity Theft – Me a Victim?”
“Re-Entering the Workplace with a Job Coach”
Renewing the Spirit with Storytelling & Laughter
Relapse Prevention Techniques
Non-Traditional Jobs for Women
Steel Band Entertainment
Prison Art Displays

And much more!

**For more information or to register for this event e-mail
sondra.hunt@csosa.gov or call 202-220-5320
by February 1, 2008**

Workshop Descriptions

Workshop # 1 – *Family Reunification Starts Here*

This workshop will focus on the laws and regulations related to foster care and parental rights. The need for the birth parents to acquire additional parenting skills and to develop a reunification plan will also be emphasized and demonstrated. The workshop will provide details on the new Family Reunification Program at CSOSA's Near Northeast Field Unit.

Workshop #2 – *Identity Theft – Me a Victim?*

This workshop will outline the ways in which identify theft has become a pervasive problem in America. Participants will be given information on how to clean up their records (criminal, financial, health, etc.) and how to maintain and safeguard such data. The session will also include a demonstration on the frequency of personal data use and how it can be manipulated.

Workshop #3 – *Re-Entering the Workplace with a Job Coach*

This workshop will reinforce the value of having a mentor as a job and life coach in helping offenders obtain and maintain a job or training opportunity. Ten basic life skills will be presented and the offenders will be taught how to use the internet to look for jobs and other resources.

Workshop #4 – *Renewing the Spirit: Storytelling, Creative Writing and Laughter*

This workshop will present ways to renew the spirit by using storytelling, creative writing, and laughter. Participants will be taught to encourage themselves and others to move forward and to overcome barriers with the power of creativity.

Workshop #5 – *Relapse Prevention Techniques*

This workshop will present techniques for successful relapse prevention. The presenters will emphasize the importance of treatment and avoiding toxic relationships and situations until the individual has developed sufficient coping skills.

Workshop #6 – *Non-Traditional Jobs for Women*

This workshop will focus on non-traditional jobs for women. The presenters will discuss labor, technology, and medical careers. Participants will be encouraged to envision themselves outside the box of traditional secretarial and customer service training and jobs.

Each participant will have an opportunity to attend one workshop. Participants can pre-register for the workshop or register on site.